Construction of Railway Divisional Office at Ahmedabad

1783. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ahmedabad has been sanctioned a divisional office and the Gujarat Government has allotted necessary land for the purpose;

(b) by when the construction of divisional office will start;

(c) what amount has been sanctioned for the purpose;

(d) whether the divisional office functions in existing premises today; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) It is proposed to set up a Divisional office at Ahmedabad. State Government has offered land of RC Technical Institute in exchage for Railways land of equivalent value at Thaltej;

(b) The evaluation of land rates at RC Institute & Thaltej have yet to be done by the State Government. After evaluation of land rates, exchange of land shall be done. The construction of Divisional office shall start thereafter.

(c) An outlay of Rs. 20 lakhs has been proposed during 2000-01.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) At present, the requirement minimum infrastructure for running of the Division is not available.

Rail Projects in NER

1784. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of on-going Railway projects in North East Region, particularly in Assam, since last three years, till-date;

(b) what is the stipulated period of their completion, alongwith the status of progress; and

(c) the funds provided for the above projects during the Ninth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) The Details are as under.—

s. No.	Description of work	Year of sanction	Anticipated cost	Outlay during 9th Plan including budget proposal for 2000-2001	Target date for completion	Progress
	New Line Projects		(Rs. in cr.)	(Rs. in cr.)		
1.	Rail-cum-Road Bridge over River Brahmaputra near Jogighopa and new rail line from Jogighopa to Kamakhya (142.15 km.)	83-84	637.00	94.87	31.3.2000	Bridges across river Brahmaputra near Jogighopa along with Railway line from Jogighopa to Goalpara (20 km.) have been commissioned in April 1998. Work on Goalpara to Kamakhya (Guwahati) has been completed.
2.	New Broad Gauge line from Dudhnoiza to Depa (15.5 km)	92-93	22.23	1.24	Not fixed	Out of the 15.5 km line about 5 km is in the state of Meghalaya. No progress could be made on land acquisition in Meghalaya in spite of continuous persuasion. Work will be taken up only after land is made available in Meghalaya.
3.	New line from Kumarghat to Agartala(119 km)	96-97	849.00	102.7	Not fixed	This line passes through difficult hilly area. Work has been started in the stretch falling in plain area i.e. 20 km length from Kumarghat end

						and 22 km length from Agartala end. Final location survey work in the remaining 77-km stretch, in hilly terrain is in progress. Work will be started in this portion on completion of survey.
4.	New Broad Gauge line from Harmuti to Itanagar (33 km)	96-97	156.00	20.02 -	Not fixed	Final location survey for this line has been completed. Construction work will be started shortly, for which plans for land acquisition are under preparation.
5.	New line from Diphu to Karong as phase I of line to Imphal (123 km)	97-98	1600.00	25.29	Not fixed	Tenders for carrying out the survey are under process. Work on the construction of the line will be taken up after completion of the final location survey.
6.	Rail-cum-road bridge over river Brahmaputra near Bogibil with linking line between Dibrugarh and North Bank line	97-98	1000.00	10.0	Not fixed	Survey and investigation for this bridge are being carried out by M/s. RITES. Construction work will be taken up on compietion of survey and it restigation which is likely to completed by June, 2000.

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	New Line Projects		(Rs. in cr.)	(Rs. in cr.)		
7.	New Maynaguri-Jogighopa Gauge conversion	2000-01	733.00	6.00	Not fixed Not fixed	New work included in the Bduget 2000-01.

S.No.	Description of work	Year of sanction	Anticipated cost	Outlay during 9th Plan for including budget proposal for 2000-2001	Target date comple-tion	Progress
	Gauge conversion		(Rs. in cr.)	(Rs. in cr.)		
1.	Lumding- Dibrugarh including branch lines (628 km)	93-94	734.00	273.27	Completed except Makum-Dangori and Amguri-Tuli branch lines	Lumding-Tinsukhiya-Dibrugarh-Ledo Commissioned on 19.5.97. Branch lines of Furkating-Kariani & Simalguri-Moranhat commissioned on 15.8.98. Coversion of Amguri-Tuli (15 km) and Makum-Dangori (32 km) is in progress and will be completed in the coming year as per availability of resources.
2.	Lumding-Silchar (198 km)	96-97	648.00	79.75	Not fixed	This line passes through difficult hilly terrain. Construction work on 70 km stretch in plains, viz. 30 km between Silchar-Badarpur and 40 km between Lumding—Lanting has been started. Survey work in remaining 128-km stretch from Lanting to Chandranathpur is in progress by RITES. Work in this stretch will be taken up on completion of survey.

S.No.	Description of work	Year of sanction	Anticipated cost	Outlay during 9th Plan for including budget proposal for 2000-2001	Target date comple-tion	Progress
	Gauge conversion		(Rs. in cr.)	(Rs. in cr.)		
3.	New Jalpaiguri-Siliguri-New Bongaigaon (280 km) and branch lines Fakiragram- Dhubri (61 km) Alipurdur- Bamanhat (76 km)	97-98	595.00	128	Not fixed	CCEA clearances was received in February 1999. Work started on earthwork and bridges, for the main line. Work on branch lines will be started after work on main line picks up.
4.	Kathakal-Bhairabi	97-98	200.00	2.10	Not fixed	CCEA clearance was received in February 1999. Preliminary arrangement are being made to undertake the work.